

## REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 23, 2004. Claims 41-54 are presented for examination, of which Claims 41 and 51-54 are in independent form. Claims 1-7, 16, 19, and 34-40 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 41-54 have been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2-4 were objected to under 367 C.F.R. § 1.75(d)(1) as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. Cancellation of Claims 2-4 renders the objection moot.

Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Cancellation of Claim 34 renders its rejection moot.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 16, 19, 34, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,732,149 (*Kido et al.*) and U.S. Patent No. 5,268,967 (*Jang et al.*), Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of *Kido et al.* and *Jang et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,680,471 (*Kanebako et al.*), and Claim 5 was rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of *Kido et al.* and *Jang et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,011,862 (*Doi et al.*). Cancellation of these claims renders their rejection moot.

Applicant has found nothing in the cited prior art that would teach or suggest the features of new Claims 41-54.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable further consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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